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SUBJECT: EXPLOSIONS REPORTED IN BANGALORE; NO REPORTS OF AMERICAN CASUALTIES

REF: TELCON W/OPS CENTER (1525 HRS LOCAL)

- 11. (U) A series of explosions (media reports indicate from three to nine) rocked Bangalore at approximately 1330 on July 25. Initial reports indicate that at least one person was killed and 15 injured by the blasts, which occurred within 12 minutes of each other. Media also reports that the blasts were "low intensity." Most of the blasts appear to have occurred in business and industrial areas in the southern and eastern parts of the city, but at least one explosion appears to have happened in central Bangalore.
- 13. (U) There are two USG offices in Bangalore, a Foreign Commercial Service office staffed by local hires and an unstaffed American Corner. All personnel at both locations are accounted for and safe.
- 14. (U) Post is in the process of reaching out to wardens to ascertain the safety of the American community in Bangalore, which is sizable (approximately 6500), due mainly to the presence of many U.S. information technology and other companies in the city. We have no reports at this time of America killed or injured.
- 15. (U) Post convened an EAC at 1515.

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